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## RITTER'S PUNGENTS

Paragraphs That Touch Interestingly On All of the Important News  
Features of the Day.

To the Editor of The Observer:  
Also the road to "normalcy" is a  
toll road.

Agitation sounds like a "cure" for  
stagnation but Russia is learning bet-  
ter.

The news that Russian peasants  
are reduced to rats for food will be  
heard with envy by Chinese admirers  
of that delicacy.

But why isn't the continuance of  
the "emergency" tariff a confession  
that the emergency continues unmet?  
Gov. Small's decision to keep mov-  
ing to stay out of the clutches of  
those character assassins indicates  
how delicate he thinks his character  
is.

It takes time for a world to recover  
from a moral and economic earth-  
quake, a quake wide enough and un-  
settling enough to rattle the founda-  
tion stones of every commercial struc-  
ture on the round globe.

There is always either a coal strike  
or a coal famine on or impending.  
And, strange as it may appear, the  
consumer is usually blamed. He  
doesn't buy his coal in the summer,  
when he hasn't the money, hence the  
miners are idle when they ought to  
be at work. When cold weather ap-  
proaches, the consumer hurries to  
buy—and then miners go on a  
"strike." One great trouble with the  
coal business the world over is that  
the owners of coal mines seem to  
think they have gold mines. They  
want to get rich quick. The fact  
that they seldom get rich at all  
doesn't mean that there is no money  
in owning a coal mine, but that there  
is so much waste and bad manage-  
ment in the coal business that profits  
are pulverized and blown away. Why  
not put a bit more intelligence and a  
little less "conceitment" into the coal  
mining business?

More than 100 mayors have en-  
rolled as honorary chairmen of local  
committees to aid Gen. Dawes, di-  
rector of the U. S. Budget system, in  
his crusade for economy. In govern-  
ment, the national budget committee  
announces. Mounting tax rates will  
assure them moral support at home.  
More than 1,000 novels are written  
in a year in America, "written" and  
published. Ten are read. Two are  
remembered for a few years. One  
survives a decade—once in a decade.  
The only way to Russia's heart has  
been found, and it leads through her  
stomach.

The improvement in our banking  
system has made it possible to handle  
strained business situations in this  
new way. Russia will finally have to  
be handled or managed by a commit-  
tee of her creditors or by representa-  
tives appointed by the banks to which  
she owes money because Russia has  
no "basic principle" as a government,  
and will go to pieces of its own accord  
unless she is saved by civilization, the  
revival of industry, law and order,  
and put back on a peace-time basis,  
and finally unites herself with the  
League of Nations.

As a result of charges by Gov.  
Allen of Kansas, a complete investi-  
gation of the Internal Revenue Bu-  
reau has been ordered by Commis-  
sioner Blair in search for alleged tax  
leaks.

Man raises his eyes to the heavens  
and reads in golden star dust the  
glory of God! Everywhere we see  
the triumph of mind over brute force  
and matter. The spirit of true de-  
mocracy is finally entering into the  
intimate structure of all earthly gov-  
ernments. Evil defeats itself and God  
rules in the affairs of men.

This would be a sorry world with-

out true love and the pure in heart.  
When it comes to true love, it's in  
St. Joseph.

Plain speaking generally leads to  
good understanding.

Dawes won't allow Congress to in-  
crease appropriations, so it retaliates  
by increasing the number of Con-  
gressmen by twenty-five. Dawes is  
a remarkable man, but no one mortal  
can save it faster than Congress can  
spend it. If Gen. Dawes shows Con-  
gress the way to "economize" and  
shows us that he has shown the way,  
he will be doing a big job.

Illinois is having the sort of hu-  
miliating experience which a state  
deserves if it becomes a "Big Bill  
country," and now if Gov. Small would  
just "rob a bank" we'd be sure he is  
headed for the movies.

One of the saddest cases recorded  
in a long time is that of a man who  
worked in a church and was ignorant  
of the fact that it also housed a going  
moonshine still.

Ireland has 32 counties. James  
Craig of Ulster represents seven of  
these, or 1,581,696 people, about 36  
per cent of the population of the  
island. Eamonn de Valera represents  
most of the south of 25 counties,  
about 64 per cent of the population.  
The last report of the census of Ire-  
land in 1911 shows a total population  
of 4,396,213.

Exports to Europe fell off nearly  
\$1,500,000,000, while those to South  
America increased more than \$30-  
000,000 during the fiscal year ending  
June 30, last, as compared with the  
previous year. If we are to prosper  
we must trade with the world, and to  
trade with the world we must become  
a partner in world affairs.

We armed, equipped and trained  
4,500,000 American boys and sent  
half of them across the sea to fight  
a war to end all wars—and today we  
are spending more money preparing  
for future wars than we ever spent  
before.

And to our American farmers we  
say: "Pay tribute through a tariff;  
we don't give a continental whether  
you get a living price for your prod-  
ucts or not." We've got most of the  
standard rugged metal of the world  
in our possession, and if our farmers  
are to sell their surplus foodstuffs at  
all they must sell them in exchange  
for what their customers make, but  
we are building a tariff wall around  
our country and saying to our former  
customers who have no money be-  
cause we've grabbed it all, "Pay cash  
or go hungry."

Two hundred and fifty pockets are  
picked in Chicago, Illinois, every day,  
and 248 of these are hip pockets in  
the trousers. Men who carry their  
money in the inside breast pocket of  
the coat do not have their pockets  
picked.

John Skelton Williams, former  
comptroller of the currency, before a  
joint congressional commission at-  
tacks the policies of the Federal Re-  
serve Board for having displayed un-  
due favoritism in lending money to  
New York banking groups while  
Southern and Western borrowers  
were unduly curtailed. "There is ab-  
solute ground for complaints of dis-  
crimination by farmers generally," he  
added.

Taxation is an interesting study,  
but a painful process, but it is gen-  
erally accepted that taxation discom-  
forts should be distributed, as far as  
may be, so as to rub as lightly as  
possible at all points of contact. It  
is against this principle that the pro-  
posal to tax tobacco and movies now  
pending at Washington offends most

seriously. It may very well be that  
the citizen who now smokes his nickel  
cigar (for which he pays ten cents,  
of course) could afford to pay eleven  
cents and still get some satisfaction  
out of the smoking, but the smoker  
is pretty well taxed already. After  
all, he is merely a citizen who "re-  
laxes" with his tobacco instead of  
nut sundae or midnight suppers.  
According to his way of thinking, his  
ration of the weed is practically a  
necessity. If he is a poorly paid  
working man he gets just as much  
pleasure out of his pipe or pipe-cut  
or quid of scrap as he would if he  
had a million dollars and imported  
cork-tie cigarettes bearing his private  
monogram, yet the millionaire can't  
consume any more tobacco, for all he  
is able to pay more taxes without feel-  
ing the pinch. As for taxing mov-  
ies, if there is anything that is tax-  
heavier than the tobacco trade it  
must be the movies. The feeling  
seems to be that the people are hav-  
ing too much pleasure and the tax  
rod must be laid on to chasten them  
into a more somber mood. Of course  
if it could be shown that these in-  
dustries have been escaping their just  
share of taxation the shoe would be  
on the other foot. But it is believed  
that investigation would show that  
they are bearing their full part of  
the burden—if not more. The evi-  
dence is both convincing and cumula-  
tive, so far as the tobacco user and  
the movie are concerned. And they  
are the people who will have to pay  
the tax in the end.

GEORGE A. RITTER.

St. Louis, Mo.

## SENATOR REED THRILLS THE THOUSANDS

(Continued from Page One)

Tennessee, who brought with them  
the institutions, romance and chivalry  
of the old South, her later population  
came largely from the North and  
East, bringing with them the virtues  
and sterling qualities of that great  
region. From this commingling of  
the descendants of Cavalier and Puritan  
there was developed a people  
possessed of the virtues of both  
strains; yet free from the narrowness  
and prejudice which had character-  
ized each blood. Thus was developed  
the Missourian, the typical American.

Tribute to Pershing  
From Missouri have flowed the  
tides of immigration which largely  
peopled and gave character to the  
state of the great Southwest and Pa-  
cific Coast. As Virginia is the mother  
of the South, so is Missouri the moth-  
er of the West.

"As Deniphon, the Missourian, in  
the war with Mexico, struck the im-  
portant blow, so Pershing, the Mis-  
sourian, in the world war struck the  
blow that shattered the German  
forces and saved the allies from de-  
struction."

Senator Reed paid tribute to early  
Missouri statesmen and particularly  
to Thomas H. Benton, whom he de-  
scribed as a man who sacrificed his  
career rather than endorse doctrines  
dangerous to his country.

"There were giants in those days,"  
he said, "but among them towered  
Thomas H. Benton, the intellectual  
colossus of Missouri. In persuasive  
eloquence he equaled Clay; in seath-  
ing satire, Calhoun; in profound log-  
ic, Daniel Webster; in sweep of vision  
he surpassed all great men of his  
time. He alone saw and prophesied  
the incomparable greatness of the  
West. Discovering in advance of  
other men the fateful consequences  
of doctrines popular in his day, he re-  
fused with unflinching heart to sacri-  
fice patriotism upon the altar of per-  
sonal ambition. He went to defeat—  
but who would not prefer the glory  
of defeat in his country's defense to  
a victory purchased by sacrificed pa-  
triotism or sullied honor."

No Freakish Laws

Missouri, her senior senator de-  
clared, "has refused to worship at  
the shrine of strange gods. Wild, ex-  
perimental and freakish laws have  
neither blighted her progress nor de-  
filed her escutcheon; Missouri has re-  
mained true to the highest ideals of  
representative government."

"During the world war Missouri  
responded gallantly to every demand  
of the government, but she remained  
singularly free from the hysteria and  
excitement elsewhere frequently man-  
ifested. Likewise, since the war, her  
people have escaped the contagion of  
both domestic and foreign radicalism.  
At this hour, when the congress is  
apparently being swept from its feet,  
the guarantees and limitations of the  
constitution nullified by legislative  
subterfuge, when socialistic and pa-  
terialistic schemes, enforced by a  
Washington bureaucracy, are central-  
izing power in the federal govern-  
ment and undermining the just rights  
of the state, I believe that the people  
of Missouri as ardently adhere to the  
old and sound doctrines as did the  
frontiersmen who gathered in the  
shade of primordial groves to hear  
them expounded in Jove-like thunders  
by Thomas H. Benton."

## STATE ONE YEAR OLDER THAN JOHN C. GILMORE

(Continued from Page One)

and is a son of Patrick and Susan  
(Logan) Gilmore, also natives of that  
part of Erin, where they passed their  
entire lives. They were the parents  
of seven sons and two daughters, but  
besides J. C., only two came to the  
United States, Henry and Anna. J.  
C. Gilmore received only an indiffer-  
ent public school training in his na-  
tive land, and in 1833 was brought  
in a sailing vessel to the United States  
by neighbors, who were making the  
trip, the youth joining his brother  
Henry, who had preceded him about  
six years at St. Louis.

Went After the Yellow Metal

"There he was given further educa-  
tional opportunities, attending school  
for about six years, and then follow-  
ing whatever honorable employment  
presented itself until the discovery of  
gold was announced and people from  
all over the country set forth in a  
mad hunt for the yellow metal. An  
adventurous young man, with no  
particular family ties to bind him,  
Mr. Gilmore joined the courageous  
throne which wended its hazardous  
and wearisome way across the broad  
burning plains. His experiences dur-  
ing that journey will ever live with  
him, and culminated in his capture,  
with another teamster by the famous  
bandit Jewel who detained them for  
three days and then released them  
and sent them on to their destination  
with two scouts. Arriving in the  
Golden state, Mr. Gilmore found,  
with others, that all was not so bright  
as it had been painted, but he im-  
mediately settled down to mining, at  
which he was principally engaged  
during the following twelve years with  
some degree of success. During this  
time he was in both California and  
Idaho, and in the latter state served

as marshal of Idaho City, a position  
the danger of which was shown by  
the enormous wages paid the incum-  
bent.

Did Much Work in Savannah

"Returning from the West in 1846,  
Mr. Gilmore established himself in  
business as the owner of a saloon and  
billiard hall on the present site of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"Mr. Gilmore plastered many houses  
here almost sixty years ago, and he  
and the late Frank Ford could point  
to many cisterns, cellars and base-  
ments that were their handiwork  
about town in the early days. When  
he became a tiller of the soil, Mr.  
Gilmore purchased a farm six miles  
west of Savannah, which he cultivat-  
ed until his retirement, January 12,  
1912.

"On March 6, 1870, Mr. Gilmore  
was united in marriage with Miss  
Elizabeth Blair, who was born in  
County Donegal, Ireland, December  
25, 1850, and came to the United  
States with her parents in May, 1866,  
they being Thomas and Eliza (Patter-  
son) Blair, both of whom passed  
away in Savannah. Mrs. Gilmore died  
January 17, 1921. Eight children  
were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore.  
Four daughters and three sons are  
living."

Gov. Hyde has informed the prose-  
cuting attorney's office here that he  
has offered a reward of \$300 on the  
part of the state for the apprehen-  
sion of the murderer or murderers of  
George Myers, the farmer who was  
killed near Rushville.

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